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DISCOVERING CANADIAN HISTORY



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LESSON 19: THE HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

NONFICTION:

- Brown. *Pioneer Settlement in Canada* pp. 8-11
Ford. *Great Canadian Lives*. pp. 76-77
Hacker. *Kids Book of Canadian History*. pp. 18,20
Livesey. *Fur Traders* pp. 25-33
Owens. *Kids Book of Canadian Exploration*. pp. 35-37
Tait. *Famous Canadian Stories* pp. 54-58

VIDEO:

Canada, A People's History/Episode 6 — **The Pathfinders**
Episode Beginning; The River Route; Life at the Bay; A Journey to the North

FICTION:

- Ritchie, C.T. *Runner of the Woods*.
Great Stories of Canada Series. The story of Radisson as a young man. Grades 5 and up. L
Wilson, Clifford. *Adventurers from the Bay*.
Great Stories of Canada. The story of the Hudson's Bay Traders. Grades 5 and up. L

TIME LINE: 1670

MAPS: Look at a map and draw an imaginary line from Churchill, MB to England. Does this route look a lot shorter than the river routes from the interior through Montreal to England?

ADDITIONAL STUDY: The Hudson's Bay Company is part of Canada's great heritage. Does it still exist today? Find out a little more about this great enterprise.



Radisson and Groseilliers were two adventurous *coureurs de bois* who travelled farther and farther for furs and ended up at Hudson Bay. No white man had reached the bay by land before this time. When the men tasted the water and found it salty, they realized they had reached the ocean. Could they have found a faster route to transport furs to Europe than the long overland river route?

Excited, they went to France but the king was too busy fighting a war to lend them a ship. So they went to England. There the king gladly gave them two ships. One ship had to turn back in a storm. The other ship, the *Nonsuch*, sailed into Hudson Bay, was loaded up with furs and headed back to England. The English merchants were thrilled with the discovery of an ocean route for transporting furs and created the Hudson's Bay Company.

With great success, they built forts and persuaded many of the First Nations to bring the furs to the forts instead of selling them to the French *coureurs de bois* that worked from Montreal.

The area around Hudson Bay was called Rupert's Land after Prince Rupert of England.



1. Which country supplied ships for Radisson and Groseilliers? _____

2. Why was a sea route better than the river route? _____

3. This was the beginning of _____

LESSON 23: BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLD

NONFICTION:

- Brown. *Pioneer Settlement in Canada* pp. 56-57
Ford. *Great Canadian Lives*..... pp. 239, 240-247
Hacker. *Kids Book of Canadian History*..... p. 38
Neering. *Gold Rush*..... pp. 14-16, 21, 46
Neering. *Settlement of the West* pp. 24-26
Tait. *Famous Canadian Stories* pp. 210-213

VIDEO:

- Canada, A People's History*/Episode 6 — **The Pathfinders**
The Gold Rush; The New Era

FICTION:

- Chan, Gillian. *An Ocean Apart: The Gold Mountain Diary of Chin Mei-ling Vancouver, British Columbia, 1922*
Dear Canada Diary Series: The Chinese head tax threatens to separate a family. Grades 5 and up. IP
Haworth-Attard, Barbara. *Trail of Broken Dreams; The Gold Rush Diary of Harriet Palmer, Overland to the Cariboo*
Dear Canada Diary Series. Cariboo Goldrush in 1862. Grades 5 and up. IP
Hayes, John F. *Quest in the Cariboo*.
Roger sets off to find his gold-searching brother in the mountains of British Columbia. Grades 5 and up. L

TIME LINE: 1858

ADDITIONAL STUDY: Read about the gold rush. Find the locations of the famous places on a map of British Columbia



Many people were settling in eastern Canada while the west was relatively unpopulated. Anyone going west had a very difficult time travelling over swamp, prairie, and finally the rugged western mountains which were almost impassable. Can you see why few settlers made their homes near the Pacific Ocean?

Suddenly, something happened to cause men to rush west. Gold had been found! American miners from California packed the ships heading up the coast, each man trying to be ahead of the others at the goldfields. A few women also made their way north.

There were no roads, hotels for miners, or police to keep law and order. The few British there worried that the land would be taken over by the United States. Quickly, British Columbia was made into a British colony. A governor was appointed. Policemen and laws were put into place. Roads and bridges were built and towns grew. After the gold rush, many prospectors stayed to farm the land.

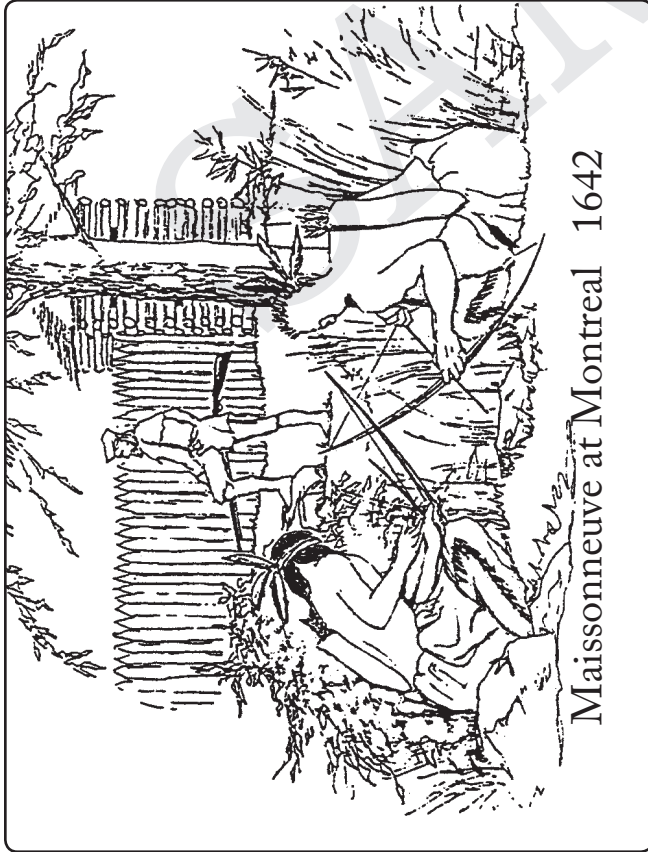
A Shaft at Williams Creek



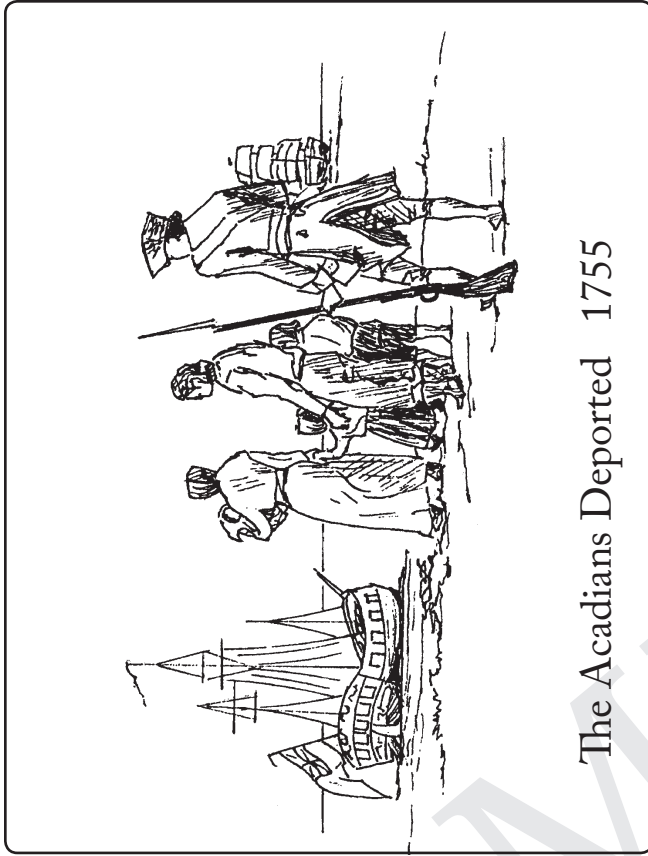
1. What made the far west hard to settle? _____

2. Who rushed to look for gold in British Columbia? _____

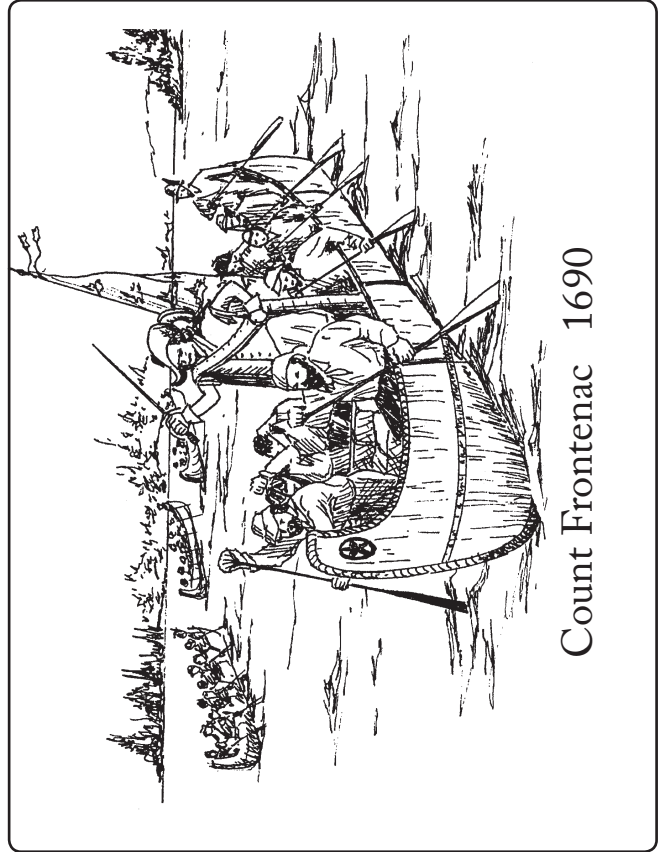
3. Was the gold rush good for British Columbia? What were the results?



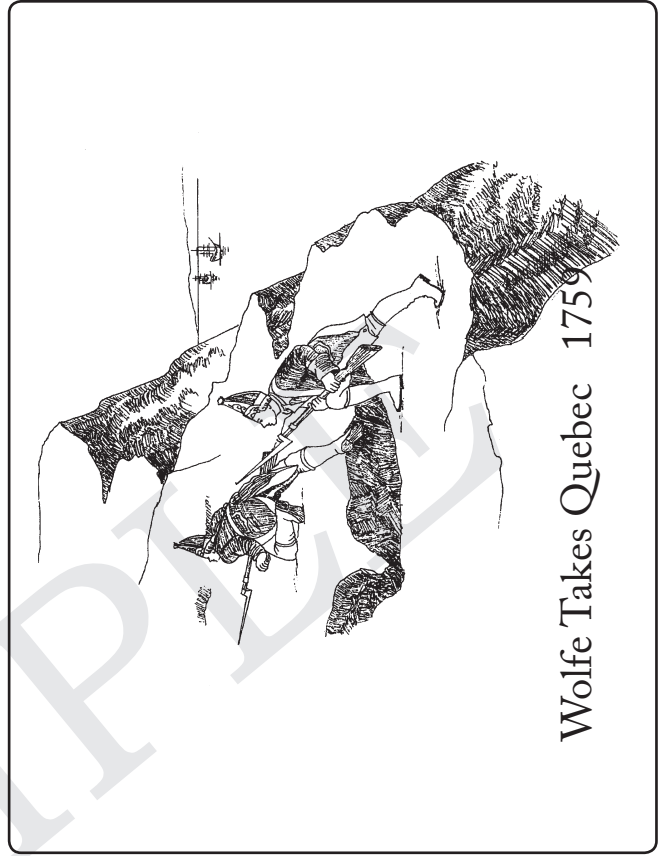
Maisonneuve at Montreal 1642



The Acadians Deported 1755



Count Frontenac 1690



Wolfe Takes Quebec 1759

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